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TWO KC FELONS INDICTED FOR CRACK COCAINE, FIREARMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City, Mo., men were indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally possessing crack cocaine and firearms.

Calvert L. Antwine, 23, and **Taron T. Smith**, 23, both of Kansas City, were charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Antwine** was a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that **Antwine** was in possession of a Sig Sauer 9 mm semi-automatic pistol on March 7, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Antwine** has two 1999 criminal felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance and two 1999 criminal felony convictions for distribution of a controlled substance near a school.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Smith** possessed with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on March 7, 2005.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Smith** was a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that **Smith** was in possession of a Calvery Arms AR-15 assault rifle on March 7, 2005. **Smith** has a 2002 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregg R. Coonrod. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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